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A.—The Chief Engineer has been asked to re-examine the Thorrigedda scheme, and his report is awaited.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member for how long he has been awaiting the report?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I must ask for notice."

*Necessity of utilizing the waters of the Kistna for extension of irrigation in the upland taluks.*

\* 780 Q.—MR. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) why the Kistna Reservoir project which has been worked out by Colonel Ellis in 1912 is still kept in abeyance ;

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to obtain the orders of the Secretary of State to put this project into execution at an early date ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the India Government has proposed radical alterations in the estimates of this project by changing the reservoir-site to the Nevali Kalluchi spur lower down Amaravati for a reservoir of a much smaller capacity thereby confining the scope of the project to the improvement of the delta irrigation only, and abandoning altogether the upland irrigation under the project ;

(d) if it is so, what is the view taken by the Madras Government in this matter ;

(e) whether the Madras Government has pressed on the attention of the India Government the very great necessity that exists of extending irrigation to upland taluks in preference to the improvement of the delta irrigation ;

(f) in view of the great necessity that exists of utilizing the waters of the Kistna river for further extension of irrigation in the upland taluks with a view to the prevention of famine, whether this Government will be pleased to press on the attention of the Government of India the taking up of the Daida project of Colonel Heid which would irrigate the country up to the Pennar river in the Nellore district ;

(g) whether it is a fact that the Tungabhadra reservoir has been designed so as to supply water for second crop irrigation in the Kistna delta during the years in which the Bellary ryots do not require water for dry crop irrigation, their requirements for dry crop irrigation being only once in five or six years, i.e., when there is failure of rainfall ;

(h) if this is so, whether the Government will point out to the Government of India that it is utterly unnecessary to construct a reservoir lower down Amaravati only for the purpose of improvement of delta irrigation ; and

(i) what improvement has been effected in the Kistna Delta irrigation by the recent installation (in 1925) of 6 feet falling shutters on the Bezwada anicut ?

A.—(a) & (c) to (f) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 328 put at the meeting of 27th August 1927.

(b) The answer is in the negative. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (f) of question No. 601.

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(g) & (h) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 329 put at the meeting of 27th August 1927.

(i) The Government cannot state at present what improvement has been effected. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1211 put at the meeting of 8th February 1926.

*Project schemes on the Kistna and Tungabhadra rivers, besides the Kistna and Tungabhadra Reservoir projects.*

\* 781 Q.—MR. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether, besides the Kistna and the Tungabhadra Reservoir projects which have been worked out in detail, there are any other rough schemes worked out for storage works on the Kistna and the Tungabhadra rivers; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to state what such schemes are and the scope of each of them as roughly worked out till now?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 330 put at the meeting of the 27th August 1927.

*Memorial from the ryots of the Ongole taluk regarding the Gundlakamma project.*

\* 782 Q.—MR. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether memorials have been received by the Government from a large number of villages in the Ongole taluk south of the Gundlakamma river requesting that the Gundlakamma Reservoir project may be reconsidered and taken up now;

(b) whether the memorialists agreed to pay a water-rate of Rs. 10 per acre and also a betterment fee of Rs. 20 per acre; and

(c) whether, in view of the famine and water scarcity of the said tract of the country this year, they will be pleased to consider the memorials favourably?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 331 put at the meeting of August 1927.

*Gauging operations in the Gundlakamma river before and after 1916.*

\* 783 Q.—MR. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place on the table the data of the gauging operations of the Gundlakamma river carried on prior to the abandoning of the project in 1916 and later, if any?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (d) of question No. 331 put at the meeting of August 1927.

*Villages commanded by the Gundlakamma project.*

\* 784 Q.—MR. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay on the table a list of villages and the area in each village commanded by the Gundlakamma project?